



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Situation Report

Severe Storms & Hurricane Katrina Support

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Severe storms have pummeled areas of southwest, central, and eastern Missouri since Tuesday. The National Weather Service has received numerous reports of downed trees and powerlines down in all affected areas. Heavy rain continued this morning in southwest Missouri, forcing the Weather Service to issue Flash Flood Warnings for Greene, Lawrence, and Newton Counties. As of 11am, there have been no requests for assistance from local authorities whose jurisdictions were impacted by any of the severe storms this week.

Also, at 11am, National Weather Service reports Hurricane Ophelia is just off shore near the North Carolina outer banks, with the center of the storm located about 30 miles south-southwest of Cape Hatteras. Missouri has not received any pre-disaster requests at this time. However, 24-hour contact via the State Warning point is available for urgent issues requiring immediate action.

The State of Missouri continues coordination with federal, state, local and non-profit agencies to provide support to relief efforts for people in areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The following actions have been taken by state agencies on behalf of Hurricane Katrina victims over the last 24 hours:

- The Missouri Donations Hotline (800-841-8891) operation has moved from Jefferson City to St Louis. The Donations Hotline was established for anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to Katrina victims. AmeriCorps volunteers are staffing the hotline from 8am-7pm, seven days a week. The hotline received 20 calls in its final day of operation in Jefferson City.
- SEMA and other state agencies continue to monitor the situation with normal staffing patterns, and additional on-call staff.
- American Red Cross reports they have assisted 3,552 families as of Sept. 14, 2005. This brings the total of "self evacuees" to 9,705.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)

The State of Missouri has dispatched numerous resources to the affected area under a state mutual aid agreement known as the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Resources currently assisting state and local officials in the affected area include the following:

- Missouri State Highway Patrol has 50 troopers and 6 communications personnel deployed to Mississippi providing law enforcement assistance
- Members from several fire departments in Region C (St Louis area) are scheduled to deploy today to Gulfport, MS with 26 personnel and 12 water tankers to assist the local fire department with firefighting activities
- The Cole County CERT team is providing communications assistance to local officials within the state of Louisiana.
- The SEMA Statewide Volunteer Coordinator has been deployed since August 30, and continues to assist in Mississippi with donations management.

Points of Contact:

SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.